Steve F. Russell

Congratulations 2021 Esto Perpetua Awardees!

We will present the awards during our Esto Perpetua ceremony on Monday, August 23rd.

- The ceremony will be hosted at the Idaho State Museum, 610 Julia Davis Drive, Boise.
  Door will open at 5 pm and the program will begin at 5:30 pm.
  Starting at 3:30 pm on Aug. 23rd awardees and their guest will have the opportunity to tour the new Idaho State Museum at no cost. We do please ask that you check in at the front desk upon arriving.
  The ceremony includes music, program, light summer buffet, and a no-host bar.
  A formal invitation will follow and please forward it along to your friends and family.

- As a recipient you receive two complementary tickets which will be held at the registration table for you and a guest.
  Additional tickets may be purchased online at Idaho State Historical Society - Store or by calling (208) 514-2302, cost is $25.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and should a guest like to sit with a particular honoree or at a table adjacent we are asking them to email information@ishs.idaho.gov and let us know. We will do our best to fill their request.

Please RSVP and let us know if you will be able to attend the ceremony. You may reach us at 208-334-2682.

In addition, please send us a short one-page biography and any digital photos of yourself and work that you would like us to use in the program.

I look forward to seeing you in August. In the meantime, if you have any questions or if we can provide additional information please don't hesitate to contact us.

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August 1, 2021

Steve Russell
26393 520th Ave
Ames, IA 50014

Dear Steve:

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a 2021 Esto Perpetua Award. This award honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation of Idaho history through professional accomplishments, public service, volunteerism, or philanthropy. This is the highest award given in the state for those who work to safeguard Idaho's history. Since 1999, the State Historical Society has recognized the inspiring efforts of individuals and organizations from throughout the state.

I commend you for your superb efforts in historic research of the Lewis and Clark Trail along with your IPT Emmy award winning program.

Again, I send my congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress

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August 23, 2021

Mr. Steve Russell
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Dear Mr. Russell,

Congratulations on receiving a 2021 Esto Perpetua award sponsored by the Idaho State Historical Society. Your hard work and dedication reflect a passion for preserving and promoting Idaho's heritage for future generations.

Your commitment to capturing and recording Idaho history through the research of the Lewis and Clark Trail and presenting that information by writing over 100 articles, books, papers and reports is commendable. Efforts like these keep alive the rich history of the Gem State.

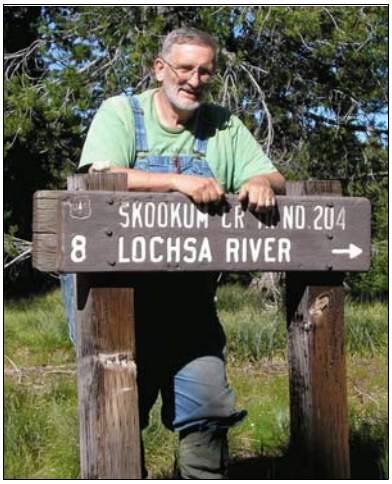
Again, congratulations. Vicki and I wish you all the best.

Very Truly Yours,

James E. Risch
United States Senator

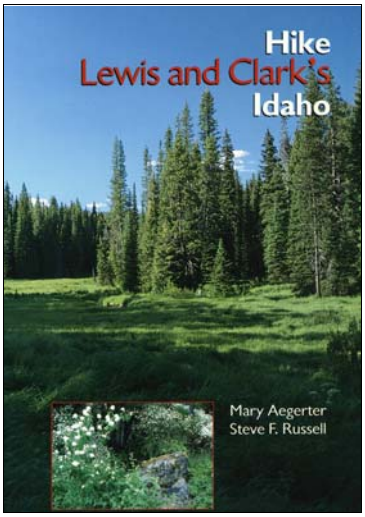
2021 ESTO PERPETUA AWARDEES

Steve F. Russell, Ames, Iowa
Nominated by Shelley Kuther
and Janene Alley



In 1986, Steve, a member of the Electrical Engineering faculty at Iowa State University was doing research on Nez Perce trails at the National Archives when he decided to embark on a lifelong effort to document aboriginal and pioneer trails of the western United States, mostly in the northwest. He did many years of solo camping, and hiking with a GPS, to accurately document as many of these old trails as possible. In 2000, he was pulled into the Lewis and Clark craze and documented the exact trail of L & C over the mountains. This trail is now used as the official trail by the National Park Service.

During the last 30 years, he has documented over 180 trails. Trails such as the 1743 Explorations of the La Verendryes, 1776 Dominguez-Escalante Expedition, 1832 Wyeth Route to Oregon, 1836 Whitman Journey to Oregon, 1846-1847 Donner-Reed Party, 1860 Mullan Military Road, 1864 Great Overland Stage Road, 1866 Lolo Trail, 1866 Southern Nez Perces Trail, 1872 Lewiston and Mount Idaho Wagon Road, Oregon-California Emigrant Trails, and many more.



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2021 Esto Perpetua Awards

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Esto Perpetua Awards Ceremony

Taft Tunnel
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Wallace

Mary Schmidt
Grangeville

Steve Russell
Ames, IA

Jack and Belva Lawson
Grandview

Jerry Eichhorst
Boise

Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong
Twin Falls

Wood River Land Trust
Hailey

Jack Taylor
American Falls

Jerry Stoor
Henry

Luke Waldron
Malad City

Portneuf Pioneers
Pocatello

William Stibal Pettite
Fair Oaks, CA

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Monday Aug 23, 2021

ESTO PERPETUA AWARDS

Esto Perpetua is Idaho's state motto, which translates to ***"let it be perpetual."*** The Idaho State Historical Society initiated the Esto Perpetua Awards program in 1999 to honor individuals, organizations, and associations for their professional accomplishments, public service, volunteerism, and philanthropy related to the preservation of Idaho's heritage.

The Idaho State Historical Society has sponsored the awards program for the past sixteen years, engaging communities by building on shared experiences and inspiring further action and understanding. The following individuals and organizations will receive this award for outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho's history.

Taft Tunnel Preservation Society, Wallace

Mary Schmidt, Grangeville

Steve Russell, Ames, IA

Jack and Belva Lawson, Grand View

Gerald "Jerry" Eichhorst, Boise

Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Twin Falls

Wood River Land Trust, Hailey

Jack Taylor, American Falls

Jerry Stoor, Henry

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The Esto Perpetua Awards program would not be possible without the generous support of the Foundation for Idaho History, the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees, and especially you. Thank you for attending and supporting the efforts of those working to preserve Idaho's heritage.

2021 ESTO PERPETUA HONOREES

Steve Russell, Ames, IA

Nominated by Shelley Kuther and Janene Alley

Steve Russell has deep Idaho roots despite spending several decades living and working in Ames, Iowa. Steve was born in Lewiston, and he grew up in Weippe and Powell, where his family owned the Lochsa Lodge. Steve earned his B.S. from Montana State University in 1966; his M.S. (1973) and Ph.D. (1978) from Iowa State University. During his long professional engineering career, he worked for Collins Radio Corporation, Rockwell-Collins Avionics, and King Radio Corporation, in addition to time spent teaching and researching as a member of the Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty at Iowa State University.

Since the mid-1980s, Steve has embarked on academic research related to historic and aboriginal trails in the western United States, especially the history of the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Lolo National Historic Trail, the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, and the Mullan Military Wagon Road, among others. Over the last thirty years, he has documented over 180 trails and supported the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial efforts, working on the ground to document the exact route the Corps of Discovery followed across what would become Idaho. In addition, Steve has made his vast research available to the public through various presentations and workshops. He has also authored many books and articles, and he participated in the Idaho Public Television Emmy award-winning program about Lewis and Clark in Idaho, titled "Echoes of a Bitter Crossing."

STEVE RUSSELL
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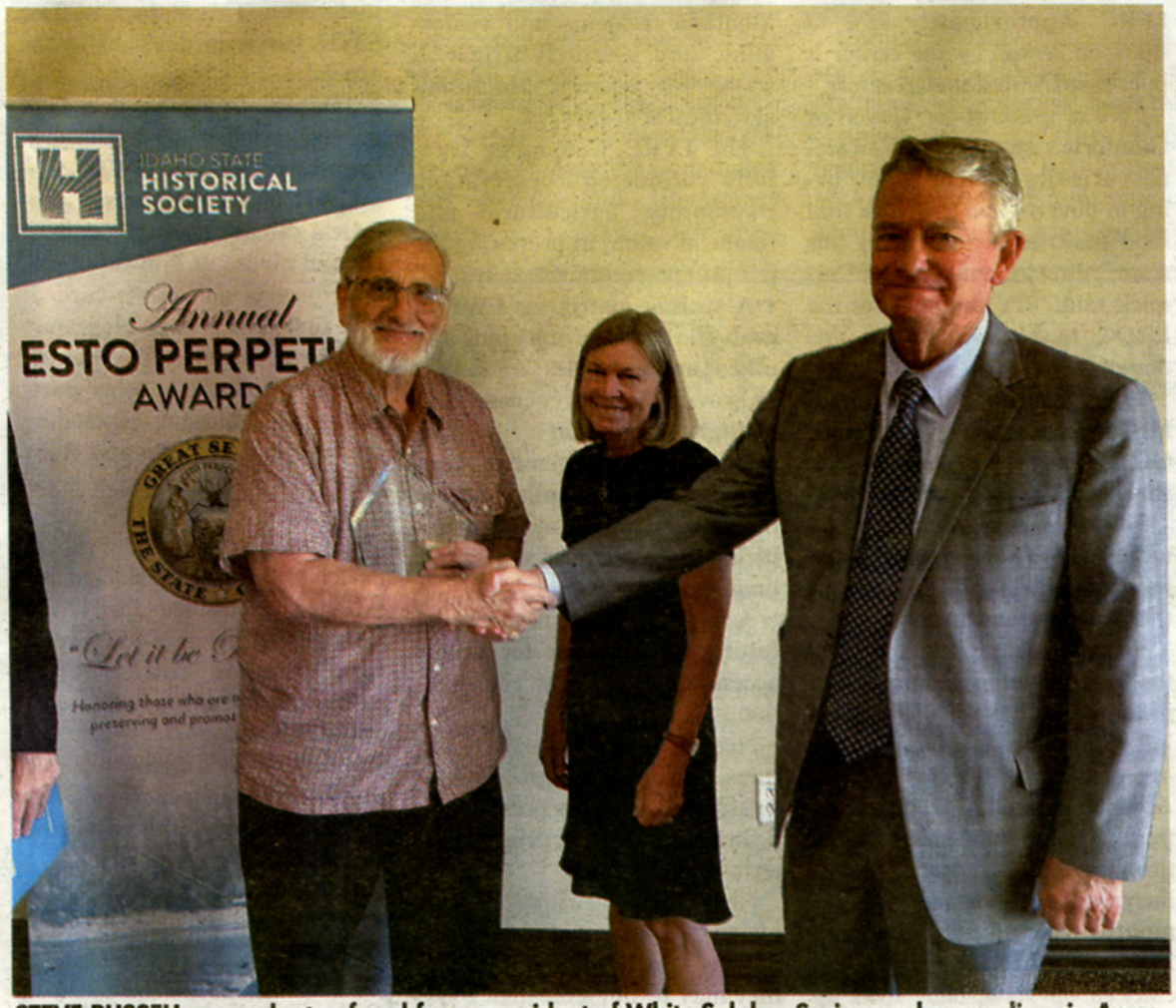

STEVE RUSSELL, a graduate pf and former resident of White Sulphur Springs, who now lives in Ames, Iowa, was honored in August to receive the Esto Perpetua Award, the State of Idaho's highest award for contributions to Idaho history through his many years of historical trail research. Steve is pictured with Idaho Governor Brad Little and the Governor's wife Teresa.

Comment Now on Smith River Management Update

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks urges floaters and river users to review and comment upon potential updates to the 2009 Smith River State Park and River Corridor Recreation Management Plan before the public comment period ends at 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

The process of updating the 2009 Smith River Management Plan began earlier this summer with a focus on four primary management issues:

1) Management of Camp Baker
2) Human waste management
3) Natural and cultural resource impacts
4) Floater opportunities

These potential updates are included in a draft environmental assessment (EA), which is available to the public for review and comment. Online public meetings were held on Dec. 1 and 7 with river managers and agency staff to discuss the update and answer questions. The meetings were recorded and can be viewed on the website below.

To read the EA and the management plan, learn more about the planning process and to submit comments, please visit the Smith River Management Plan web page at fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/smith-river/management.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, ATTN: Kyan Bishop, Parks and Recreation Planner, P.O. Box 200701, 1420 East 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620.

New Charging Stations Bring Expanded Travel for Electric Vehicles

New electric vehicle charging stations, made possible by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's share of the Volkswagen Settlement funds, will expand travel options across

station and one Level 2 charger at a Town Pump in each community

The funds awarded focus on establishing fast-charging locations for Montana's key travel

IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Friday, August 27, 2021

Dear Steve,

Congratulations on your 2021 Esto Perpetua Award! You have received a complimentary Topaz membership with the Idaho State Historical Society which includes benefits for two adults as well as three one-time use guest passes that can be used during your membership year. ISHS is a trusted guide through Idaho's history and how it has shaped every aspect of our lives - our lands, our communities, our government, and our people. I hope you continue to enjoy complimentary admission to the ISHS sites, 15% discount at ISHS stores *(including our online store!)*, complimentary or discounted admission to special events, enrollment in the Idaho History Reciprocal Membership Program, our monthly e-newsletter, *History-e*, semi-annual magazine, *Mountain Light*, and membership in the Time Travelers program.

You can now also enjoy 15% off room reservations with our partners, The Grove Hotel and Hotel 43 in Boise. Show your active ISHS membership card for discounts on food and beverage at The Grove Hotel. Please visit our website at history.idaho.gov/membership for a special room reservation link. Your member discount code is IHS15.

This year for our 140th anniversary, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Idaho State Capitol, debuting the Trailblazing Women of Idaho exhibit at the Idaho State Museum, offering rotating exhibits at the Idaho State Archives, and featuring monthly adult programming at the Old Idaho Penitentiary. All of our sites are currently open with your safety in mind, and we offer a multitude of online programs and resources you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home. Please explore **HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV** to learn about upcoming programs and exhibits *(in-person and online)*, familiarize yourself with our safety protocols, and reserve your time to visit. We're looking forward to seeing you!

You will find your new membership cards below. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at (208) 514-2331 or jennifer.spencer@ishs.idaho.gov.

Jennifer Spencer, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator

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Required Element(s)

Full Name of Nominee: Steve F. Russell

This is an: X Individual __Organization

Address: 26393 520th Ave Ames, Iowa 50014

Phone: 925-577-7301c 515-351-5169H

Email: steve@dustychords.org

X High resolution digital photograph of individual, organization

Narrative

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Include the names of projects or programs, dates, and other pertinent details. ***The narrative will be limited to no more than 3 single sided pages.***

Individual making nomination:

Name: Shelley Kuther/Ib-Vollmer HS Date: 3-18-21

Address: Box 96 Craigmont, ID 83523

Phone: 208-790-7890 C 208-924-5474 H

Email: SKUTHER@camasnet.com

Support Materials:

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Nomination:

Please send 1 copy (please do not staple) to:

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Or email to: patricia.hoffman@ishs.idaho.gov

EXTENDED Deadline for submission is April 2, 2021

I'd never heard of Steve Russell before the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, but once we got acquainted, it started a friendship that has lasted for 20 years.

I'd corresponded with Steve for a couple of months in 2000 before he made his annual trip back to his old stomping grounds in Clearwater County. I was bold enough to ask, and he was gullible enough to agree to come to Craigmont in June to give a presentation on maps for the Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society before he started on his trail research for the year. I was absolutely amazed at how many people attended and how far they came to hear Steve. It was pretty obvious that they had all heard of Steve Russell before! For this presentation, Steve brought old maps of the local Lewis and Clark Trail as well as the Lewiston-Virginia City Wagon Road.

Later that summer, Steve came back to civilization from walking the trails, and members of IVHS introduced him to Prairie Club pressure fried chicken. A couple of us offered our homes as a base camp where he could do laundry, relax for a while and check e-mail before heading out to document more trails. He had an honorary key to the Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society, where he could go for a quiet place to work on data he had recently collected and needed to catalog. I don't know if it was the chicken, the key, or the good company that kept him coming back year after year.

We wondered why a guy from Iowa was so interested in Lewis and Clark and the Nezperce trail, and we eventually found out that Steve's roots were deep in Idaho. His parents were both born in Clearwater County and attended school in Weippe. Steve was born at Lewiston and grew up in Weippe and Powell, where his family owned the Lochsa Lodge. He was interested in the history of the area before he moved to Iowa for work in the 1960s, which is where he raised his family.

When I met Steve, he was an Associate Professor in Communications and Information Systems Security at Iowa State University at Ames. By that time he was already a noted researcher of the Lewis and Clark Trail, had written many books and had been a presenter at many workshops. He had participated in "Echos of a Bitter Crossing," Idaho Public Televisions Emmy Award-winning program about Lewis and Clark in Idaho.

It didn't take too many visits from Steve before the Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society was putting his knowledge to good use, and over his summer visits we put many miles on our vehicles, chasing one old trail or another. In August 2004, while a couple of us were discussing Steve's sixteen-day mapping trip on the southern Nez Perce Trail, we got to talking about the "trail to Salmon River," which took off from Cold Springs Camp a couple of miles NW of Craigmont. It wasn't long before we were in a pickup with old maps and Steve's computerized mapping programs tracking down this old trail. Steve taught us to look for the easiest route of travel for man or beast. The route that Steve predicted took us right to Traveler's Home, an old way station.

Three roads or trails converged at Traveler's Home: the trail from the gold road at Cold Springs Camp, which goes onto the Salmon River via Maloney Creek, the stage road from Lewiston to the Camas Prairie by way of McCormick Ridge, and the stage road from Lewiston to Waha to Mt. Idaho. We eventually explored all those roads, and Steve mapped them for us.

Steve was always surprising us about his research and what he knew, and we were busy in 2006. He took me to Weippe (my very first trip there) via some of the lesser known routes that came closer to following the Lewis and Clark trail than the main road did. We went to Deer Creek that

summer to look for the old school, using vague information, and Steve was the only one to recognize the old spring that had been described. Not far away were rock foundations that we felt were from the school. On the way home, we went to the Starr girls' graves and Charlotte McDermott's grave; all were killed by falling trees in 1906. We went to where we thought the old stage-stop of Durkeyville had been, and Steve said we were probably close, but he felt the buildings had been 50 feet from where we were looking, because of the lay of the land and where the creek ran. Steve was always a good teacher and took time to explain things like this to those of us who weren't as adept at old landmarks and features as he was. We learned to recognize trail tread when we walk across it!

On almost everyone of those excursions, Steve wore his trademark bib overalls, and we usually ended the day with Prairie Club pressure fried chicken.

In July 2011, Steve gave a presentation to the Lewis County Historical Society entitled *Original Wagon Roads and Nez Perce Trails of the Camas Prairie.* There was one of the largest crowds ever for a LCHS meeting. Of course, many from the Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society had been on those expeditions with him.

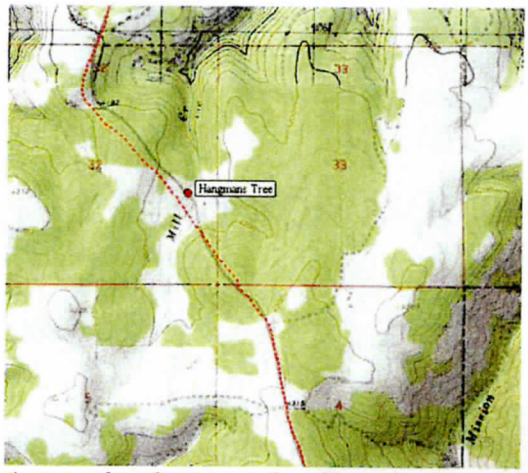
The most well-known of Steve's research in our area was that of Sergeant Ordway's trip to the Salmon River to get salmon for the Lewis and Clark Expedition wintering in Kamiah. Steve was one of the first ones to suggest that Cougar Rapids Bar was the site of the long house where Ordway found the Nez Perce. We participated in a bus tour and jet boat ride, watching Steve plot a map. The Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society got into it so much that in May 2006 we did a pictorial stamp cancellation, and Dick Southern posed as Sergeant Ordway for a mural that was painted for the side of the Craigmont city park band shell.

Besides his research in Lewis County and on the Camas Prairie, Steve is best known for his historic trail research. His website says, "His initial interest in the Native American trails followed by Lewis and Clark eventually expanded to include all the major pioneer trails of western Montana and northern Idaho. He concentrated most of his research efforts on the Lolo Trail System, which encompasses the trail treads now known as the Northern Nez Perce Trail, the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Nii-Mi-Poo Trail, the Bird-Truax trail, and the Virginia City and Lewiston Wagon Road."

Steve has written or published over 100 articles, books, papers, or reports and even has a few patents under his belt. Not all of them pertain to trail research. Some of them have self-explaining names such as "Partial-Length Correlation Theory for Spread-Spectrum Ultrasonic Evaluation Application!" The following links will access most of Steve's websites:

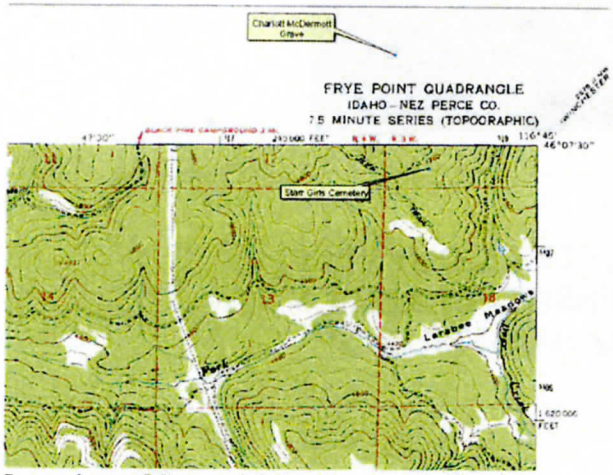
https://trailresearch.org/steve-f-russell/
https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Steve_Russell3
https://sfr.public.iastate.edu/TrailWeb/Public1.html
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/283142110_Lewis_Clark_Trail_Research_Presentation_to_the_Idaho_Lewis_Clark_Governor%27s_Committee

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to nominate Steve Russell.



A map that Steve made after a trip to explore the old stage road from Lewiston to the Camas Prairie by way of McCormick Ridge.

Lunch at Dan Miller's cabin at Fairburn while looking for the McCormick Ridge stage road.



Location of Starr girls' graves and Charlotte McDermott's grave as mapped by Steve.

August 2006 at the site of the Deer Creek School. From there it was onto the Starr girls' graves.

2021 ESTO PERPETUA NOMINATION OF STEVE RUSSELL

WHILE READING THIS, CHECK OUT STEVE'S DUSTY CHORDS WEBSITE AND ENJOY SOME OF HIS JAZZ BAND MUSIC!!

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Deloris Jungert Davisson, Director
The Museum of Winchester History
P.O. Box 3 Winchester, Idaho 83555
March 10, 2021

RE: Letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Steve F. Russell, Historic Trails Research, Historian, Professor, Author and Cartographer, for the Esto Perpetua Award.

Speaking for myself (and the historians) at the Museum of Winchester History, I highly recommend Dr. Steve F. Russell for the Esto Perpetua award in 2021.

Museum research projects with Steve:

1) Lewis and Clark, Corp of Discovery projects: We at the Museum have worked and communicated with Steve Russell, Idaho native, researcher, cartographer and historian, on Lewis and Clark Trail projects since 2004. His seminal Corps of Discovery trail trekking and documentation encouraged, directed and provided professional assistance for our two (2005 and 2006) National Park Service grants titled Ordway's Search for Salmon. With the assistance of Dr. Mary Reed, Steve's maps, photos, and research culminated in an Idaho State Historical Society—Idaho Governor's Trail supported Exhibition in 2009—the only extant Ordway permanent exhibit in the country.

2) Every summer, Steve joined us for research, mapping, and programs for our Idaho Humanities Council's grants concerning the unique history of the Craig Mountain Lumber Company and the company town– Winchester.

3) We owe a debt of gratitude to Steve Russel for his professional guidance to our North central Idaho researchers and historians. He held us to the highest historical standards—everything had to have documented evidence and dated sources for anything we published or presented by the Museum. (However, Steve would never taste the *Lomatium cous* we dug and ate—as Sgt. Ordway trusted only the Nez Perces' identification of its edibility.)

4) Steve was available in summer visits to lead research excursions throughout the area. We made road trips to mill camps, cemeteries, remote mountain sites and Nez Perces' campsites accessible only by river transportation..

5) Steve is generous with his time, his considerable knowledge of Idaho and its trails, his on-going reference materials and the joy in life he shared on and off the trail—he even played his jazz trumpet in the evenings.

Steve merits the Esto Perpetua Award for his life-long dedication and documented records of the best of Idaho History, as well as his many professional publications about trails across the United States.

Sincerely, Deloris Jungert Davisson, Director, Museum of Winchester History.

Steve Russell showed the members of the Museum of Winchester History and Ilo Vollmer Historical Society the importance of documenting research efforts to confirm or deny history's perceived event when he was tracking the Lewis and Clark trail in Idaho, mainly across the Camas Prairie from Kamiah to the Salmon River and on to the Snake River. Steve was the guide for the working group as they trekked the route in 2005-2006, partly on foot, some by car and 2 trips by boat to reach Cougar Rapids on the Snake River where the NezPerce Indians had their spring fishing camp and where Ordway and two other members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, secured salmon to take back to the remainder of the explorers camped near present day Kamiah. While the group was at Cougar Rapids pit house depressions and other indications of a camp site were located.

Steve had mapped the route and the museum was able to complete a National Park Service grant they had been awarded. Steve, along with Park Service Ranger Fluegel, a distant relative of Ordway, did the major address at the opening of the Ordway exhibit at Winchester at the museum. The maps Steve did are included in the book "Across the Snowy Ranges."

Steve worked with Idaho Fish and Game to locate Sgt. Ordway's search for salmon route. He then met with the Museum of Winchester volunteers to encourage them to apply for a grant from the National Park Service to research the route across the prairie to secure salmon to take back to the Lewis and Clark members. The two-year grant was awarded and Steve helped the volunteers with research both years.

Another summer Steve worked with the museum at Winchester in locating the sites of the three "Winchesters" and the origin of the Craig Mountain Lumber Company that stayed at cutting lumber for many years. New signs have been erected at the sites of the three locations and the dates of each.

He is an "on the ground" researcher. When he was locating the Southern NezPerce trail that the tribe followed when they evaded the military by going to Montana he was looking for the actual tread of the trail in the forest beyond Elk City, Idaho, and Red River near Bargamin Creek and Mountain Meadows. The trail was obscured by years of wind fall, logging and nature's growth.

All of these events have secured information on Idaho's history for now and into the future. Steve definitely is an Idahoan at heart. Not only is he a good story teller and writer but his maps are as good or better than other explorers.

Janene Alley
Museum of Winchester History

Listening to archeologists

Cougar Rapids fishing village site

Research trip 5/27/06

Archaeologists follow trail back t

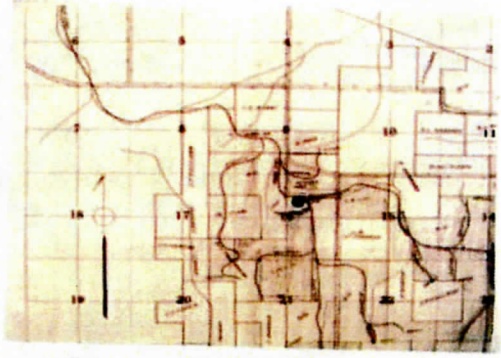
Archeologist Ken Reed, Idaho State Historical Society led a dig at Cougar Rapids fishing village. Russell says it proved the site of the Ordway visit in 1806

Our researchers were in communication with the archeologists during the winter. Steve Russell visited with them during the dig at Cougar Rapids in May 2007. They mapped and recorded pit and long houses at the 1800 fishing site.

Steve came many summers to lead us in researching trails, Craig Mountain Lumber camps and maps. He is prominent in our Museum collection for all the summers he taught us. By teaching, we refer to his professional historian advise. "You must get three primary references for anything you publish..."

July 25 field trip to CMLC Camp 8

Craig Mountain Lumber Company



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